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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

**REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE MOTION TO SUPPORT THE PARTNERSHIP
PILOT PROGRAM APPLICATION, PARTICIPATION IN THE PARTNERSHIP AND PROVIDE
AN UPDATE ON PLANS TO ALIGN THE WORKFORCE INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY
ACT YOUTH SERVICES DEDICATED TO OUT-OF-SCHOOL YOUTH**

On March 3, 2015, your Board requested that Community and Senior Services (CSS) collaborate with the City of Los Angeles, LAUSD, LA Community College District, and County departments to support and participate in the Partnership Pilot Program for Disconnected Youth (P3). The initiative strives to promote interagency collaboration between providers that serve disconnected youth in Los Angeles in an effort to improve outcomes for 16 to 24-year-olds who are not working or in school. In addition, your Board requested an update on plans to align Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) youth services that will be dedicated to out-of-school youth as of July 2015.

Partnership Pilot Program for Disconnected Youth (P3)

On June 2, 2015, we provided your Board the first P3 report back advising your Board that meetings were held to identify preliminary goals, additional opportunities through the County's My Brother's Keeper (MBK) initiatives and highlighting program streamlining efforts. The departments working with us in this partnership are the Chief Executive Office, the Department of Public Social Services, Department of Children and Family Services, Department of Mental Health, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Los Angeles County Probation Department, and Department of Health Services.

On August 7, 2015, LA City advised us that the U.S. Department of Education was recommending the P3 application for approval and designation as a pilot. Moving forward,

several steps must occur before the application and designation are fully approved. This includes the clarification of some elements of our proposal. Additional steps consist of entering into a performance agreement with Federal agencies that specifies pilot goals, outcome measures and interim indicators, accountability and oversight mechanisms, as well as other responsibilities and parameters for the pilot.

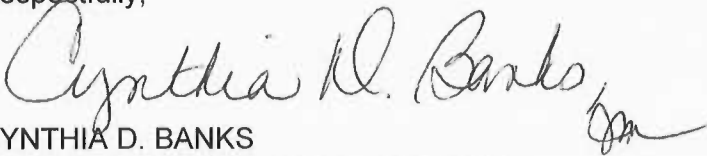
On August 12, 2015, a conference call took place between the P3 partners and the Federal agencies participating in the current P3 competition to provide the additional clarification on our proposal and receive additional guidance and technical assistance. The Federal staff also requested information on any potential federal waivers being sought that were not included in the original application. Approval of requests for waiver flexibility and the award of start-up funds will be contingent on finalizing the performance agreement. Final approval and P3 designation is still pending review and a response is anticipated at the end of September 2015.

Out-of-School Youth

Your board also requested an update on our out-of-school youth program. Effective July 1, 2015, CSS earmarked 100% of WIOA youth funding to support roughly 2,400 out-of school youth between the ages of 17-24. These youth receive services such as case management, supportive services, mentoring and training that helps them connect to a job or school. This year, we have seven agencies providing services throughout the County. They include: Archdiocese Youth Employment, Asian Youth Center, Housing Authority of the City of Los Angeles, Hubs Cities Consortium, Jewish Vocational Services, Managed Care Solutions and the Southeast Area Social Services Funding Authority (SASSFA).

Please let me know if your have any questions.

Respectfully,



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